



# Redhill Philatelic Society

∞ 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year ∞

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## Forthcoming meetings:

The programme meetings have now been completed for the 2010-11 season.

The meetings Scheduled for the 2011-12 Season is enclosed with this newsletter.

The first meeting of the new season will be on the evening of Tuesday 6 September 2011

**Do not forget to bring your six sheets for the open competition!**

## Editorial:

**Happy Anniversary!** The 2011-12 Season sees the Redhill Philatelic Society enter into its 75<sup>th</sup> year, a notable achievement for a local Society. A number of special events and initiatives are being planned by the Committee over the coming year including our own 75<sup>th</sup>

## Up Coming Events:

- 29 August 2011 - **Tolworth Postcard & Ephemera Fair** (Bank Holiday Monday 10:00am – 4:00pm)
  - Tolworth Recreation Centre, Fullers Way North. KT6 7LQ.
- 1 - 3 September 2011 - **BIPEX London (Postcard Fair)** (Thursday to Saturday)
  - Royal Horticultural Hall Lawrence Hall Greycoat Street London SW1
- 14-17 September 2011 - **Autumn Stampex** (Wednesday to Saturday 10am to 4:30 pm),
  - Business Design Centre, Islington (Closest tube station: Angel)

## Reports of Society Meetings:

### 5<sup>th</sup> April – Airmails - All Members

"I think our Society is dead lucky in the variety of material that our members are able to display, from their various collections. We have had to have three sessions to display all the material brought along, some of which we will be lucky if we ever see it again" advised our Chairman Mr Robert Prentice in giving the vote of thanks. Subjects shown in the course of the evening included:

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| 1. Mr Les Jobbins      | Airmail services around the world   |
| 2. Mr David Hall       | Portuguese flight covers  |
| 3. Mr Patrick Phillips | Miscellaneous covers  |
| 4. Mr Derek White      | Rhodesia  |
| 5. Mr David Ainsley    | French Colonies overprinted airmail   |
| 6. Mr Robert Hurst     | Airmail from Antarctic bases.   |
| 7. Mr Alan Eggleton    | Commonwealth airmail covers, GB aerogramme and postmarks  |
| 8. Mr Peter Ring       | GB airmail Coverpex, Portsmouth   |
| 9. Mr Steve Fargo      | Zeppelin, first flight and Gilbert & Ellis covers   |
| 10. Mr Brain Cutler    | Croydon Airport, Catapult flights, Canadian semi official internal flight and Australian covers   |
| 11. Mr Edward Walker   | GB airmails   |
| 12. Mr Ian Sherlock    | Papua New Guinea and Australian airmail covers and letters. Plus the first flight of Tony Airlines Redhill (A toy plane someone left behind at a previous meeting in the hall!) |
| 13. Mr Robert Prentice | Newfoundland air letters and a poem   |

*Editor's note: It is surprising nobody thought of Prince Charles – heir (male) to the British throne!!*

### 19<sup>th</sup> April - Display - Mr Alan Hall

Mr Alan Hall opened his display with a 'A Day in my Life' a 'fun' topic comprising of first day covers and items posted on the same day as his birthday – 26<sup>th</sup> July. It was surprising how many postal items Alan had found from around the world on this day and on the variety of subjects.

Although Alan had shown it before, primarily as the subject of a competition entry, next to be displayed was 'The Blue Helmets'. This is a title sometimes used to describe the United Nations Peace Keeping Force deployed around the globe to help restore calm to the World's trouble spots. The material displayed featured envelopes from the troops, United Nations postage stamps and covers.

A nautical flavour continued the evening's entertainment featuring ships of the Union Castle Line. Postcards, menus and postal stationery of vessels that operated the line mainly between the UK and South Africa were shown.

For the remainder of the evening Alan took us on another trip this time around the Persian Gulf. The display mainly consisted of stamps with the addition of a few covers. Here I can do no better than list some of the middle- eastern countries featured thus:- Bahrain, Qatar and Independent States, Ajman, Eastern Arabia (now part of Qatar), Abu Dhabi, the Trucial States(UAE), Umm Al Qaiwain, United Arab Emirates, Muscat, Muscat & Oman, the State of Oman concluding with the Sultan of Oman.

"This is the last time you will hear my dulcet tones as Chairman giving the vote of thanks" advised Mr Robert Prentice "as my year in office is now coming to an end". "A Day in my Life is an unusual yet inexpensive theme to undertake and nicely shows what can be achieved with a little ingenuity. A thorough level of background research was evidenced in the writing up of the 'Blue Helmets' display covering as it does many

parts of the world, plus political and military history. The Union Castle items made a lovely thematic display with some postcards very difficult to find and again the large amount of research undertaken by Alan was evident. The trip around the Middle East (which included some personal anecdotes from Alan's time spent in the region) rounded off a highly enjoyable evening".

### **3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 - Annual General Meeting:**

Mr Robert Prentice our Chairman for the previous 12 Months stood down The Committee was re-elected with the following changes: Mr Robert Hurst (formerly Deputy Chairman) was elected Chairman, and Mr Tony Sanson was elected Deputy Chairman. The grateful thanks of the Society was expressed by many to Robert Prentice for his work during his time in office, in what proved to have been another successful year for the Society. The meeting acknowledged the hard work of the Committee (not least our Secretary Mr Derek White for arranging the programme), those involved in providing refreshments at our gatherings and the generosity of those who donated prizes for the raffle

Reports were given by the office holders on the Committee details of which were recorded in the Official Minutes of the Meeting. A copy of the Society's financial accounts for the year is included with this newsletter.

### **7<sup>th</sup> June 2011 - Russia - Mr D Cross**

Despite of its size and significance in World history, most members who attended the evening's meeting confessed that they could not remember the last time they had viewed a display of either Russia or the Soviet Union. Mr Cross remedied the situation with a display of 200 sheets taken from his collection showing the stamps of Russia, its transition to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and onward, following the collapse of Communism, to become the Russian Federation.

Collectors can view illustrations of the stamps in magazines and catalogues, though some how they never quite capture the subtlety of the design and colour of the original items. The images portrayed reflected the way the government of the country wished to be seen, not only by their own population but by the world at large. Themes included personalities (Royalty, then Lenin), science, exploration (polar and space to name but two), industrial progress (including aviation and airships) and the Great Patriotic War (World War II). Many of the subjects depicted coincided with thematic subjects collected by members of Redhill.

The vote of thanks was given by Robert Hurst.

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Stamp Fair – Tombola Prizes**

As part of the Stamp Fair to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012, the Committee would like to run a tombola to assist in raising funds for the Society. To run the Tombola we will need prizes. In the run up to Christmas many stores run Special Offers. If you are able to take advantage of one of these offers and donate the item to the Society, your Committee would be most grateful.

Please remember any item for the Tombola will need to have a "Use By" date after 14 April 2012.

## London Transport Museum Postcards

### Relating to Reigate and Surrounding Areas

(Update no 3 – Original articles in Vol 12 No.3, first update in Vol 12 No.4, second update Vol.13 No.4 ).

Previous listings have highlighted cards relating to the West of Reigate (Dorking), the East (Caterham and Oxted), the South (Green Line services transiting to Crawley) as well as Reigate and the Surrey Hills. Now it is time to look northward:

LTM Ref.	Description on the Postcard	Notes
12	<p>XA type bus on Route 234 in Addington Road at Sanderstead Plantation.</p> <p>Fifty XA buses, mounted on Leyland Atlantean chassis, were purchased by London Transport in 1965 to evaluate the possibilities of front entrance layout buses. All those remaining with London Transport were converted to one man operation and were used on flat fare routes in South London. They are 30ft 4 in. long and 8ft wide and have 11.1 litre rear-mounted engines producing 130b.h.p. There are 41 seats on the upper deck and 31 on the lower. <i>A London Transport photograph.</i></p>	<p>The card does not specifically mention the London Transport Museum but does bear the official London Transport Logo</p> <p>Purley is quoted as one of the stops on the destination blind.</p>
LTM 83 & LTM 83 (1R)	<p><i>Waddon Aerodrome.</i> A Costomati 1923</p>	<p>Reproduction of a poster showing stylised aircraft flying over an aerodrome and aircraft hangers over a narrative "Waddon Aerodrome /change cars at West Croydon"</p> <p>The card has been printed by the museum on more than one occasion. The reprint has (1R) after the card reference number</p>
LTM 218	<p><i>Derby Day 1928</i> Poster Heather (Herry) Perry</p>	<p>A poster showing four horses being ridden past crowds cheering from the course railings and from the top decks of five parked buses over the legend "Derby Day / Go by / Motor bus/ &amp; see in / comfort"</p>
LTM503	<p><i>The Derby</i> Artist: D Paton 1929</p>	<p>Reproduction of a poster showing four horses at full gallop rising past buses with spectators watching from the upper decks. The main title on the poster reads: "The Derby Book your bus early"</p>
LTM 552	<p><i>Epsom Summer Meeting.</i> Artist: "Andrew Power"(two artists collaborating) 1933</p>	<p>Reproduction of a poster showing stylised view from above of horses racing around Tattenham Corner watched by crowds of visitors to the races.</p>
LTM 698	<p><i>Derby Day.</i> Artist: Anna Zinkeisen Poster published in 1934.</p>	<p>Reproduction of a poster showing two entertainers (a woman holding balloons and a man in Pearly King style cloths with accordion, with marquees in the background. The titling on the poster reads: "June 6 / Derby Day / Buses from Morden / station to the Course / every 30 seconds/ Fare 8d.</p>

The full set of cards listed will form part of the Chairman's evening display in early 2012. If any members are able to add to the list, ahead of the meeting, contributions will be most welcome. Please contact:

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